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In re Application of :
Robert Malcolm Thomas et al :
Application No. 09/932,557 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: August 17, 2001 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Attorney Docket No. THOM/501US :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 10, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the nonfinal Office action of October 6, 2003. No extensions of time having been obtained pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a), this application became abandoned on January 7, 2004, after expiration of the three month shortened statutory period set for reply in the nonfinal Office action of October 6, 2003.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply; (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the nonfinal Office action of October 6, 2003 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1753 for appropriate action in due course on the reply received August 10, 2004.



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